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1. ON JANUARY 15 THE GOI ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AND SPECIFIED THE LIMIT OF WATERS OF INDIA IN THE PALK STRAIT, PALK BAY,

AND THE GULF OF MANNAR. THE ANNOUNCEMENT, BASED ON THE MARITIME ZONES ACT OF 1976, STATES THAT EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF INDIA EXTENDS INTO THE SEA OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIAL WATERS TO A DISTANCE OF 200 NAUTICAL MILES MEASURED FROM THE APPROPRIATE BASELINE FROM WHICH THE BREADTH OF TERRITORIAL WATER IS MEASURED. IN THE ZONE INDIA ASSERTS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF
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EXPLORING AND EXPLOITING THE LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES AS WELL AS FOR OTHER ECONOMIC USES, AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO AUTHORIZE, REGULATE, CONDUCT AND CONTROL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, AND TO TAKE MEASURES TO PROTECT THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS THE INDIAN ANNOUNCE-

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MENT WAS MADE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SRI LANKA
GOVERNMENT. ACCOUNTS NOTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS
ON THE MARITIME BOUNDARY WITH THAILAND,BURMA,
BANGLADESH, AND PAKISTAN WILL BE UNDERTAKEN.

3. ON JANUARY 14 AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN NEW
DELHI DEMARCATING THE INDO-INDONESIAN MARITIME
BOUNDARY. UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT
THE 77 KM BOUNDARY LINE ESTABLISHED IN 1974 IS
EXTENDED NORTHEAST INTO THE ANDAMAN SEA UP TO A
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INDONESIA, AND THAILAND. THE BOUNDARY IS BASED ON
THE MEDIAN LINE PRINCIPLE. IT ALSO RECOGNIZES THE
NICOBAR ISLANDS AS AN ARCHIPELAGIC SOVEREIGN TERRITORY.

4. ON DECEMBER 28, 1976, THE GOI AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF MAURITIUS SIGNED A MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENT.
ACCORDING TO A GOI PRESS RELEASE, THE BOUNDARY STARTS
FROM THE TRIJUNCTION POINT BETWEEN INDIA, THE
MALDIVES AND SRI LANKA, AND RUNS ALONG THE MEDIAN
LINE BETWEEN THE WEST COAST OF INDIA AND THE MALDIVES
AND BETWEEN THE MINICOY ISLAND OF INDIA AND THE
NORTHERN ATOLL OF IHAVANDIFFULU OF THE MALDIVES.
THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES EACH PARTY WITH SOVEREIGNTY
OVER ALL ISLANDS ON ITS SIDE OF THE BOUNDARY AND
OVER THE TERRITORIAL WATERS AND AIR SPACE ABOVE, AND
SOVEREIGHNTY AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER THE
CONTINENTAL SHELF AND THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE
AND ITS LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES WHICH FALL
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ON ITS SIDE OF THE BORDER.

5. WE SHALL POUCH TEXTS OF GOI ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
BOUNDARY AGREEMENTS AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.
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